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Eight deaths have been reported for the month, which gives a mortality rate of 24 per 1,000 per annum for the town of Bluefields. The general sanitary condition of the port and adjacent territory has been very satisfactory.

Respectfully,
 D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Reports from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *October 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended October 27, 1900.

There has been nothing more than routine work, and not very much of that. The sanitary conditions are about the same, though I think the death rate will continue to decrease.

Respectfully,
 W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PONCE, P. R., *November 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended November 3, 1900; also the monthly report of immigrants inspected during the month of October, 1900.

Under the authority granted by the Bureau, I made a visit to San Juan and discussed the quarantine situation here with both Assistant Surgeons Mathewson and Lavinder. These two stations must be operated in conformity, and a thorough understanding was necessary.

During the week no vessels were inspected, nor were any bills of health issued. I know of no change in the sanitary situation.

Respectfully,
 W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.
 The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Monthly report from San Juan and subports.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *November 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of transactions of the Service at this port and the 6 subports of Porto Rico, for the month of October, 1900:

San Juan.—Total number of vessels inspected 18, of which number 17 were passed and 1, the Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, from Havana via Central and South American ports, was detained and the baggage of her local passengers disinfected. Five pieces of baggage were disinfected during the month.

The provisional steamer *Julia* entered on the 20th instant. She had been disinfected at Santiago, Cuba, as usual.

The sanitary conditions of this city remain fairly good. The weather is excessively warm, and rendered very enervating by reason of the humidity present.